Approved for use through 09/30/2006. OMB 0651-0031 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

/ INFORMATION DISCLOSURE

STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

 Complete if Known

 Application Number
 09/990,964

 Filing Date
 November 21, 2001

 First Named Inventor
 Chraplyvy

 Art Unit
 2613

 Examiner Name
 David J. Lee

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

ostitute for form 1449A/PTO

Sheet 1 of 1 Attorney Docket Number Chraplyvy 28-3-1-7

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials *	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear		
		Number - Kind Code ² (if known)					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner	Cite No.¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant	
Initials*		Country Code ³ - Number ⁴ - Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	Date MM-DD-YYYY		Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ₆
		JP8201861	08 - 09- 1996	Akira	machine translated	
		JP2264227	10-29- 1990	Kazunobu et al.	English translation included	
		JP2000151505	05-30- 2000	Hideki et al.	machine translated	
		JP11032012	02-02- 1999	Sabastien et al.		
		JP2001148668	05-29- 2001	Erwan et al.		
		JP03-075615	03-29- 1991	Shigeki et al.		
	<u> </u>					

Examiner Signature	Date Considered	

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS